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SUBJ: CAMBODIA SIT REP

1. CAMBODIAN AND CHINESE DIPLOMATIC STAFFS WILL APPARENTLY BE EXCHANGED WITHIN DAY OR TWO. EMBASSY INFORMED THAT SWISS AIR CHARTER WILL FLY CHINESE STAFF TO PEKING AND THAT SWISS MISSION IN PEKING WILL ENSURE THAT CAMBODIAN STAFF FROM PEKING (AND PYONGYANG) PERMITTED

TO BOARD AIRCRAFT FOR RETURN FLIGHT. IN ADDITION TO CHINESE DIPLOMATIC STAFF, STAFFS FROM NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY AND THE CARETAKE STAFF FROM NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG EMBASSIES SCHEDULED DEPART SAME AIRCRAFT. ONE LOCAL SOURCE TOLD EMBASSY THAT ONE UNRESOLVED QUESTION CONCERNS CAMBODIAN STUDENTS IN PYONGYANG. GOC WANTS THEM TO RETURN ON SAME FLIGHT. HOWEVER, NORTH KOREANS WANT TO HANDLE MATTER SEPARATELY.

2. FRENCH EMBASSY HAS AUTHORIZED DEPENDENTS OF FRENCH MILITARY MISSION AND EMBASSY TO DEPART "ON EARLY LEAVE". FROM AIRPORT SCENE, A LARGE NUMBER ARE ELECTING TO LEAVE.

3. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: FOLLOWING SIRIK MATAK'S INSTRUCTION TO CAMBODIAN OFFICIALS CONCERNING TREATMENT OF CHINESE (PHNOM PENH 953) LON NOL HAS ISSUED APPEAL TO CHINESE RESIDENTS. HE NOTES THAT CHINESE AND CAMBODIANS HAVE LIVED TOGETHER IN A FREINDLY MANNER FOR A LONG TIME. HE CALLED ON CHINESE RESIDENTS, IN THE CAPITAL AS WELL AS IN ALL CORNERS OF THE COUNTRY, TO OBSERVE PUBLIC ORDER, AND TO AVOID ALL ACTS HARMFUL TO THE FUNCTIONING OF THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING SUBVERSION IN THE POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC FIELDS. LON NOL ASSURED ALL CHINESE RESIDENTS THAT GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THEIR RIGHTS AS RESIDENTS INCAMBODIA AND GUARANTEES TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO PROTECT THEIR PERSONS AND THEIR BUSINESS. IN RETURN, THE GOVERNMENT ASKS ONLY THAT THEY RESPECT ALL LAWS.

4. JAPANESE PRESS REPORTED INTERVIEW WITH SIM VAR, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTY, PROMINENT SPOKESMAN IN GOC, AND SPECIAL ENVOY OF GOC TO JAPAN. ACCORDING TO PRESS SIM VAR SAID THAT JAPANESE HAD MADE NO COMMITMENT FOR ECONOMIC AID. HOWEVER, HE SAID, THAT HE THOUGHT THAT JAPANESE WOULD PROVIDE CAMBODIA "WITH SOME MATERIALS SUCH AS TRUCKS, MEDICINES, JUNGLE SHOES AND RAINCOATS." HE SAID HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE MUCH FROM US AND IN FUTURE.*

5. FBIS REPORTS THAT HSINHUA BROADCAST THE TEXT OF TWO LETTERS ALLEGEDLY WRITTEN BY KHIEU SAMPHAN, HOU YOUN AND HU NIM FROM

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"LIBERATED AREA." (THESE ARE MINISTERS IN SIHANOUK GOVERNMENT WHOM RADIO PEKING REPORTED IN 1967 AS HAVING BEEN KILLED AT SIHANOUK'S ORDERS. GOC HAS BEEN INSISTING THEY WERE KILLED AND PRESS HAS BEEN CARRYING ARTICLES AND CARTOONS ABOUT THE "GHOSTS" IN THE SIHANOUK GOVERNMENT.)

THE MINISTERS' LETTERS CLAIM GREAT VICTORIES AND PLEDGE CONTINUING STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS, LACKEYS, ETC. COINCIDENT WITH PEKING'S ANNOUNCEMENT WAS EDITORIAL IN PHNOMOENHOIS CONCERNING THE THREE. EDITORIAL REPORTS THAT YOUNGER BROTHER OF KHIEU SAMPHAN SPOKE ON RADIO PHNOM PENH ON MAY 17 AND SAID THAT THE THREE DEPUTIES WERE TAKEN BY MEN OF FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERIOR CHARGED WITH SURFACE DEFENSE, OUM MANNORINE, AND LIQUIDATED. TWO AT KIRIROM AND HU NIM LATER AT BOKOR. COMMENT: UNTIL SIHANOUK CAN PRODUCE THREE MEN IN PEKING OR ELSEWHERE, DOUBT WILL REMAIN HERE THAT MEN ARE ALIVE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

6. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. MILITARY BRIEFER MAY 19 INDICATED TO PRESS THAT ENEMY PRESSURE WAS CONTINUING UPON LOMPHAT, RATTANA-KIRI PROVINCE AND AT TONLE BET, KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, AND THAT SWEEP OPERATIONS CONTINUED AT KOMPON CHAM, KAMPOT, AND ANGTASSOM. BRIEFER SAID THERE WERE NO CONTACTS IN PREY VENG OR SVAY RIENG PROVINCES. END UNCLASSIFIED. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. DATT INFORMED ALL CAMBODIAN FORCES PULLED BACK ACROSS RIVER FROM TONLE BET AS PRESSURE FROM NVN REGIMENTS MAKE FANK BEACHHEAD UNTENABLE. END CONFIDENTIAL.

7. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. AKP MAY 19 CARRIES STORY CONCERNING OPERATIONS MAY 13-16 OF KHMER KROM 103RD BN WHICH OPERATED IN SOUTHER KANDAL AND TAKEO PROVINCES, NOTING THAT IN TWO HEAVY CONTACTS THE KHMER KROM KILLED 20 WITH 30-40 VC REPORTED BY VILLAGERS AS CARRIED OFF. KHMER KROM CAPTURED 21 WEAPONS AT A TOTAL COST OF 11 WOUNDED. END UNCLASSIFIED

8. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. AKP ALSO REPORTS THAT SLAP LENG IN LOMPONG SPEU PROVINCE, OCCUPIED MAY 13 BY 200 VC/NVNA, WAS RETAKEN MAY 16 BY TROOPS OF CAMBODIAN 58TH BN. WHO KILLED 3, WOUNDED 10. FRIENDLY FORCES HAD ONE WOUNDED.

9. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED FIRST EDITION OF NEW SLICK MAGAZINE "CAMBODGE NOUVEAU" PLACED ON SALE MAY 17. REPLACEMENT FOR TWO SIHANOUK EDITED MAGAZINES, KAMBUJA AND SANGKUM, "NEW CAMBODIA"

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IS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF TRINH HOANHAK AND EDITED BY LIM LEANG CHIN, ASSISTED BY SIHANOUK ERA HOLDOVERS, BERNARD HAMEL, CHARLES MEYER AND RENE LA PORTE. ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDITION OF MAGAZINE IS PLANNED. GENERAL LAYOUT, WRITING AND PRODUCTION IS OF HIGH QUALITY.

10. BEING UNCLASSIFIED. EDITORIALS AND COMMENTARIES IN CAMBODGE NOUVEAU DWELL GENERALLY ON THE FOLLOWING THEMES: DESCRIPTION OF THE DESPOTIC AND CORRUPT PRACTICES OF SIHANOUK ENTOURAGE; CONTRADICTION OF SIHANOUK'S CONCERN OVER VC/NVNA OCCUPATION OF CAMBODIAN TERRITORY AND HIS SUBSEQUENT EMBRACE OF THE CHINESE AND VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS; ANALYSIS OF THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO SIHANOUK'S DEPOSITION; DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF THE OBSTACLES WHICH THE NATION FACES. END UNCLASSIFIED.

11. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. EXPOSITION IS GENERALLY FRANK AND STRAIGHTFORWARD WITHOUT HISTORICALS. THOUGH A GRIM PICTURE IS PAINTED OF THE STRATEGIC AND DOMESTIC PROBLEMS, EDITORS NOTE THAT THE SITUATION IS NOT WITHOUT ADVANTAGES TO CAMBODIA IN THAT ENEMY MUST NOW FIGHT TWO FRONT WAR WITHOUT HOPE OF GREAT REINFORCEMENT FROM VIETNAM. EDITORIALS ALSO NOTE THAT ENEMY'S SUPPLY LINES ARE SERIOUSLY EXTENDED WHILE FANK AND PARTISAN FORCES DO NOT FACE THESE PROBLEMS. ALSO NOTED IS LACK OF CAMBODIAN "CAMOUFLAGE" FOR THE AGGRESSORS BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND BECAUSE THE INTELLECTUALS ARE AGAINST SIHANOUK. END UNCLASSIFIED.

12. BEING UNCLASSIFIED. NAMES OF ALL CAMBODIAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, ACCORDING TO AKP, ASSOCIATED WITH THE ROYAL FAMILY, SIHANOUK AND ENTOURAGE AND OF THE SANGKUM ARE, AS OF MAY 9 TO BE CHANGED TO NAMES WITH A MORE TRADITIONAL ASSOCIATION. COMMENT: THOUGH IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO ERASE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF SIHANOUK'S INFLUENCE, IT IS CURIOUS TO NOTE THIS FIRST EVIDENCE SUPPRESSION OF THE SANGKUM, THE PRINCE'S BUDDHIST-SOCIALIST POLITICAL PARTY. END UNCLASSIFIED

13. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CIRCULAR NOTE NO 478/DGP/FNL FROM MINFONAFF. THE NOTE DESCRIBES VC/NVNA MILITARY ATTACKS AS WELL AS ATROCITIES AGAINST CIVILIAN POPULACE. POUCHING TEXT.

14. INCOMING INTERNATIONAL MAIL HAS BEEN CENSORED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. BECAUSE OF THE VOLUME, HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE END OF THE ENVELOPE IS SLIT, THE ENVELOPE STAPED TOGETHER WITHOUT HAVING BEEN READ AND THE RED "CENSOR" STAMP PLACED.

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THE EMBASSY
RECEIVED A LETTER TODAY ON WHICH THE "CENSOR" STAMP HAS IN ADDITION:
FRANKED ON THE ENVELOPE NOW IS FOLLOWING: "CAMBODIA ATTACKED BY
IMPERIALIST VIET CONG AND NORTH VIETNAMESE." GP-4.
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